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THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARAB NEWS OF JANUARY 24 CARRIED THE  
FOLLOWING EDITORIAL COMMENT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENERGY  
PROPOSALS.

BEGIN TEXT: CARTER AND ENERGY

PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSAL TO CREATE A CABINET-LEVEL  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY--THE MUCH-HERALDED SUPER ENERGY AGENCY  
TO BE HEADED BY JAMES SCHLESINGER--IS BEING RECEIVED BY  
CONGRESS IN A RATHER PREDICTABLE MANNER. CONGRESSMEN LIKE  
THE IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, BUT EVERYONE HAS HIS OWN WAY OF IMPLE-  
MENTING IT. RIVAL PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN UP, AND THE WHOLE  
CONCEPT MAY EVENTUALLY BE SMOTHERED BY DISAGREEMENT. APPAR-  
ENTLY IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THE OLD CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST  
PROBLEM. CAN THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND PRODUCTION OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND AT THE SAME  
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REGULATE ENERGY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST? AS THE AMERICAN  
PUBLIC SEES IT, THIS MEANS MAKING SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO  
PROMOTE OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING OR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS ARE  
NOT THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON THE ENVIRON-  
MENTAL IMPACT OF SUCH PROJECTS. SUCH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS  
AS SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSED TO PLACING  
THESE TWO SEPARATE FUNCTIONS UNDER ONE DEPARTMENT.

AS WE SEE IT, THE CARTER PROPOSAL IS A REASONABLE ONE.  
SAUDI ARABIA HAS LONG URGED THE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS  
TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, AGSINST THE DAY WHEN  
THE OIL WELLS NOW IN OPERATION HAVE PUMPED THEIR LAST DROPS.  
THE KINGDOM FEELS THAT OIL IS TOO PRECIOUS A RESOURCE TO BE  
USED SOLELY AS FUEL. IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR THE COUNTRIES  
OF THE WEST-AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL--TO SAVE OIL FOR USE  
IN THE VARIOUS PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, AND DEVELOP SUCH  
ALTERNATIVE FUEL RESOURCES AS NUCLEAR POWER AND SOLAR ENERGY.

THE BICKERING THAT IS LIKELY TO DEVELOP OVER THE CARTER  
PROPOSAL WILL DEFEAT THAT LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE. THE CONFLICT-  
OF-INTEREST ISSUE IS A STRAW MAN, AND MR. CARTER SHOULD NOT  
LET IT DIVERT HIS EFFORTS. ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY  
REGULATION CAN COEXIST UNDER THE SAME ROOF, AS LONG AS THE  
DEPARTMENT ITSELF HAS THE AUTHORITY TO WEIGH THEIR CONFLIC-  
TING INTERESTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AND ACT ON ONE OR  
THE OTHER IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.  
END TEXT.  
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